

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. WRU-99-25-150 EEP-94-40 TF-99-178 TF-99-179 (ECR-96-1)
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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR LIMITED CHANGE IN PROCEDURAL  
SCHEDULE AND PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION**

(Issued August 13, 1999)

On July 14, 1999, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order setting a procedural schedule in this docket. On August 5, 1999, Interstate Power Company (Interstate) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a joint motion for a limited change of the procedural schedule. In essence, the parties requested the procedural schedule be changed to allow responsive filing of testimony rather than simultaneous filing.

The parties requested the Board direct Interstate to file its direct testimony on September 8, 1999, or one week prior to the time the parties are currently scheduled to simultaneously file direct testimony. The parties also proposed that Consumer Advocate and any intervenors be directed to file responsive testimony on or before October 20, 1999. The rebuttal testimony that is currently scheduled to be filed on or before November 3, 1999, would be testimony filed in rebuttal to the October 20, 1999, responsive testimony. The procedural schedule would remain the same in all other respects.

The parties stated this proposed change to the procedural schedule is necessary because Interstate has experienced difficulties in retrieving and compiling certain information in a timely fashion. The Board will grant the joint motion. The Board believes allowing this change will contribute to the creation of a full and complete record in this proceeding. The procedural schedule will remain the same in all other respects.

On July 30, 1999, Ag Processing Inc (Ag Processing) filed a petition to intervene in the proceeding. Ag Processing stated its interest is unique and will not be specifically represented by any other party. The Board will grant the petition pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-7.2(7) (1999). Ag Processing's participation should assist in the development of a sound record.

On August 2, 1999, the Iowa Industrial Energy Group, Inc. (IIEG), filed a petition to intervene. IIEG stated it is a nonprofit corporation comprised of representatives of 43 companies operating facilities in Iowa. IIEG stated its interest is unique and will not be specifically represented by any other party to the proceeding. If granted intervention, IIEG would limit its participation to monitoring the evidentiary record, submitting a brief, and commenting in the event that a settlement is proposed.

The Board will also grant IIEG's petition, pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-7.2(7) (1999). Pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-7.2(8) (1999), the Board may permit intervention limited to a particular stage of the proceeding. Therefore, the Board will grant IIEG's petition to intervene to the extent described in its petition.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The joint motion for limited change in procedural schedule filed by Interstate Power Company and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice on August 5, 1999, is granted. The procedural schedule is amended as follows:

a. On or before September 8, 1999, Interstate Power Company shall file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits.

b. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and any intervenors may file rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before October 20, 1999.

c. All parties may file rebuttal testimony to the testimony and exhibits filed on October 20, 1999, on or before November 3, 1999.

2. The petition to intervene filed by Ag Processing Inc on July 20, 1999, is granted.

3. The petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Industrial Energy Group, Inc., on August 2, 1999, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of August, 1999.